City of San Jose — Capital of Silicon Valley

Memorandum

TO: MGPTF Policy Team

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: SAFE SUMMER INITIATIVE

DATE: June 27, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the plan to pilot the Safe Summer Initiative immediately and allocate the $242, 804 to increase our capacity to keep our youth safe and active this summer.

BACKGROUND

The City Council adopted my June Budget Message on June 17, 2008. It focused on fiscal responsibility and protecting our neighborhoods, while closing a $29 million budget gap without laying off staff. We know that even in tough budget times, we must make every effort to keep our residents safe. This fiscal year, we will be adding 25 new police officers, but this is just a down-payment. We will add a total of 100 new officers over the next four years. To protect our neighborhoods, we are taking a holistic approach to combating gangs. We are making crucial investments in growing our police force, preventing our youth from joining gangs, and keeping our residents safe from speeding and unsafe cars in our neighborhoods. Below are some highlights from my June Budget Message:

- 25 new officers for FY 2008-2008 with 100 new officers total by 2012
    - These new officers will be deployed to police our most violent police divisions
- $1, 535, 207 in gang prevention and intervention programs
    - $1,000,000 in ongoing funding for MGPTF
    - $242, 804 for the Safe Summer Initiative
    - $150,000 to partner with the County to Pilot a Community Responsibility Council and development of a Transition Center for low level juvenile offenders
    - $185,027 to reinstate Crime Prevention staffing at the Police Department
    - $50,000 to enhance Truancy Abatement Programs
    - $25,000 for an MGPTF end of the year summit
- $313,096 to reinstate school crossing guards
- $900,000 in Green investments that will generate a significant savings long-term
- $150,000 for traffic signs, roadway markings, and streetlight maintenance
- $200,000 in traffic calming in our neighborhoods
- $120,000 for 10 radar speed display trailers in our neighborhoods

As our schools begin to let out for the summer, it is vital that we provide all youth with recreation opportunities. These programs must be inclusive of all youth and address prevention, intervention, and suppression. Typically, it is our low-risk youth who participate in our city's summer activities. This pilot would allow for our MGPTF staff to outreach to both gang-impacted and gang-involved youth. Programs, such as our extended hours at community centers, will be expanded or created to specifically target this under-served population.

This is a critical time for our community based organizations, both those that are BEST funded and those that are not, to make a significant impact on our youth. We have allocated $242,804 in General Fund one-time funding to PRNS for San José BEST's MGPTF Emergency Reserve to administer the Initiative immediately. This money is intended to enhance our existing capacity for keeping our youth active and engaged this summer.

The program would be initiated through mini-grants from $1 to $50,000 that are awarded to 501c3's or governmental agencies through a simplified RFP Process. The pilot would run from July 1 - September 30, 2008. Some elements that the program could entail are:

- Redeployment of our Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI) staff to our parks and community centers located in Hot Spots.
- An increased level of street outreach.
- Block Parties to include the City of San José's Mobile Recreation Unit, SSCI staff, our Community and Faith based communities, and the Police Department's Crime Prevention Services. This funding will allow for at least one event to take place in a Hot Spot in each Council District.
- Greater collaboration between MGPTF and the Police Department to provide information on Crime Prevention at National Night Out events city-wide.
- Sports tournaments and youth outings.
- Extended hours programming at community centers in Hot Spots.

The City Manger and the City Attorney should collaborate with my office and PRNS to ensure that this program can be off to a swift and successful start. The selection process would be similar to the BEST allocation plan, with preference given to Hot Spots and the Priority Services per division. A review panel would analyze proposals and would consist of the following members:

1. Community member
2. School representative
3. Probation representative
4. Police Department representative
5. Non-profit representative
6. Mayor's Office Representative

TIMELINE

- June 27   Scholarships made available to approximately 50 youth from low-income families and residing in identified Hot Spots for the City of San José's summer camps
- July 1   Mini-grant applications released
- July 7   First round of applications closes
- July 9   First round grant recipients notified

- July 14   Second round of applications closes
- July 16   Second round grant recipients notified

For a complete list of the MGPTF Hot Spots and Priority Services per Police Division, please see attached.

For more information, please contact Melanie Jimenez at 408.535.4828 or at melanie.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov.

ELIGIBLE SERVICES

Central Division

Service Sites

1. Jeannie / Forestdale (McKinley N. Center)

2. Peter Burnett Middle School

3. 24th & Julian (San Jose HighSchool) (Between 2-5pm

Eligible Service

1. Gang Mediation and Intervention Response

2. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups

3. Parent / Family Support Services

Foothill Division

Service Sites

1. Poco/Sunset - Lee Mathson MS / Independence **HS**

2. Ko1marApts. (Capital/Story)

3. Pop's Liquor (Ocala/King)

Eligible Service

1. Gang Mediation and Intervention Response

2. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups

3. Community Gang Awareness Trainings & Capacity Building Workshops

Western Division

Service Sites

1. Washington United Youth Center

2. Cadillac/Del Mar High School & Rosemary Elementary

3. Alma Youth Center

Eligible Service